

Janette Ramos, a Senior at Rich Central High School in Richton Park, captured the Grand Prize Saturday in 'An Artistic Discovery 2006,' Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.'s annual high school art competition. The event was held at Prairie State College.

Ms. Ramos's piece, 'Self-Portrait a la Picasso,' will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol for one year. Her artwork will be unveiled at a ribbon cutting ceremony and exhibition in June. As part of the grand prize, she was awarded a trip for two to Washington and overnight accommodations provided by the Southland Chamber of Commerce. Prairie State College also awarded Ms. Ramos a free art class.

The other winners were:

* Second Place: Yvonne Hall, Homewood Flossmoor High School; 'Rock/Tool'

* Third Place: Kevin Fox, George Henry Corliss High School; 'Still Life'

* Fourth Place: Melissa Anthony, Hillcrest High School; 'An Insight to Greed'

Nineteen students from six area high schools entered this year's competition. Congressman Jackson said, "I am impressed with the high quality of the art work. Many richly talented young artists in the Second Congressional District have chosen to use their creative energies in a very positive way.... to produce cherished works of art."